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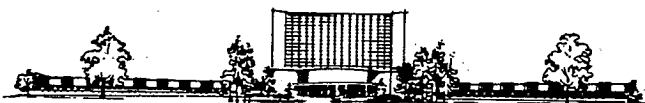
Dear Mr. McAllister:

I am organizing the second Summer Conference on the topic "Folic Acid, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and One Carbon Metabolism" for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. The conference is to be held at Copper Mountain, Colorado from July 31 through August 5, 1988. The FASEB Conferences, like the Gordon Conferences, bring a modest number of researchers together (150 maximum at our conference) for intense scientific discussion over a five-day period. Each conference focusses on nine carefully selected topics in the most promising and exciting areas in that research field. In addition to the morning and evening formal sessions, each with 3-4 speakers, there will also be poster sessions for the presentation of additional material.

There have been exciting new developments in the areas to be reviewed at this conference that have great significance for understanding the assimilation and biochemical action of these vitamins. Current knowledge of the transport of these vitamins across cells, including those of the intestinal mucosa, will be reviewed. The most recent information about the role played by derivatives of these vitamins in metabolic processes will be the topic for several sessions. The effects of ethanol and other drugs on the metabolism of the vitamins will be the focus of another full session; and we will also devote a session to genetic disorders of folate and vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. The meeting is particularly useful and important; it is the only conference of this type devoted to this topic.

The topic of the Conference is of interest to a wide range of scientists from both clinical and basic science disciplines. Such interaction of scientists with closely related but divergent interests is conducive to the development of new perspectives, fresh insights and the cross-fertilization of ideas.

I am trying to raise funds for partial support of participants' travel and meeting expenses. The room, board and registration costs for the meeting are a modest \$325, but travel costs will be significant especially for those coming from the east coast, Canada, Europe and other countries overseas. As may be seen from the enclosed tentative list of speakers, we are hoping to have nine speakers from outside the U.S. and other foreign participants are expected also. Thus I am writing to you to inquire about a possible financial contribution from the



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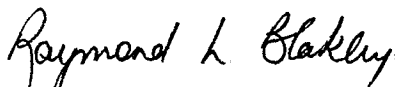
institution with which you are associated. We wish to support senior invited speakers and also at least 10 junior investigators (at \$500 apiece) who might otherwise not be able to attend. These promising young investigators will be making the significant contributions in the coming decades.

The Conference will be well advertised by FASEB and our preliminary response from a letter announcing the meeting indicates that a large number of people will apply.

If you would like more details about the meeting, please feel free to contact me at (901) 522-0440. The Vice-Chairman, Dr. Victor Herbert of the Department of Medicine, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, may also be contacted at (212) 579-1645.

Both of us, and the other conferees, will greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Raymond L. Blakley, Ph.D., D.Sc.  
Chairman, FASEB Summer Conference on  
Folic Acid, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and One Carbon Metabolism

Enclosure

P.S. Checks should be annotated "Folate-B12" and made payable to:

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Bethesda, Maryland 20014